

## STARTING UP STEEL MILLS

**TRUST DOESN'T WAIT FOR STRIKE ORDER TO TAKE EFFECT**

**Annihilated Men Taken by Surprise in  
Pittsburg—Clarke Steel Hoop Mill  
Put in Operation—Shaffer and Associates  
Dismayed—Trust Will Gradually**

**valley Get Other Idle Mills Going—Easy**  
**To Find Non-Union Men For This Work**  
 —Shaffer Now After Bridge Workers

**PITTSBURGH, Aug. 7.**—As if they had been simply waiting for the Amalgamated Association to make its threatened aggressive move against the **Sheet Steel, Steel Hoop and Tube** combines, the manufacturers to-day, twelve hours after the latest strike call, began the work of starting up idle mills. Several rolls in the **Clarke Hoop** mill were put in operation, preparations were made to resume work at the **Lindsey** mill plant in **Allegheny** and by the arrival of the non-union men from the **Wellsville, Ohio**, works, notice was served on the **Labor Trust** that the time for dallying has gone by.

The steel strikers already find their hands full in trying to prevent the starting up of two or three mills. With 50,000 more men called out yesterday by President Shaffer the strikers will be overwhelmed with the work of sustaining the strike. The day's developments came like a thunderbolt to Shaffer. To-night he would hardly talk on the subject uppermost in his mind, except to make mysterious allusions to the surprises that the Amalgamated Association had in store for the Steel Trust and to predict that the obedience to his strike circular sent out yesterday would be complete.

day, would be far more general than either the manufacturers or the public suspect.

By a piece of strategy that threw consternation among the strikers at the Chicago Hoop Mill in Thirty-fifth street to-day, Lewis T. Brown, general superintendent, started the three and twelve-inch mill with two full crews. Not until the smoke was seen coming out of the stacks shortly after daylight did the strikers realize that the plant where so much was at stake was slipping from their grasp. When the report spread that the mill had started many of the strikers flocked to the entrance and stood gazing in wonder at the volume of black smoke pouring out of the stacks. For a time they thought the entire plant had been started, but when Brown learned that only the No. 3 mill was in operation, he ordered the others to be shut down.

It was the intention of Mr. Brown to start the 9-inch mill at the same time, but the hot-bed had not been finished and the crew which had reported for work in the mill was sent home with orders to report this morning. The hot-bed was completed this afternoon and the 9-inch mill will be in operation to-morrow. Many white men and negroes called at the entrance asking for work. They went to the office and nearly all of them were engaged.

"There is no lack of men," said Manager

"We have had no trouble in securing men," said Mr. Brown. "Of course, some of those who went to work this morning are old men employed at this mill several years ago."

Just then a truck load of hoop iron came out of the mill.

"This is what we are turning out," said Mr. Brown, "and it will compare with any

Mr. Brown and President Shaffer of the Amalgamated Association worked together several years ago in the plant of Moorehead, McClean & Co. in Pittsburgh. The strikers are keeping away from the mill. Several coal and iron pipes are on duty and twenty officers patrol Butler street from Twenty-ninth to Thirty-sixth. Detectives are keeping a lookout for any signs of disorder.

Circulars were distributed to-day in the Lawrenceville district by members of the local lodge, calling for an open meeting of Lafayette Lodge No. 33. The meeting

ing will be held in Lafayette Hall, Thirty-seventh and Butler streets, at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Twenty men, some of them non-union and some of them strikers, have been obtained for work in the Lindsey-McCutcheon mill in Allegheny. At 5 A. M. to-morrow the finishing mill in that work-

At least two crews will start to work in the Painter mill to-morrow. The Painter, Clarke and Lindsey-McCutcheon mills are three hoop mills that had been non-union for years, but ranged themselves in the Amalgamated column when Shaffer called for a strike against the American Steel Hoop Company, the American Tin Plate Company and the American Sheet Steel Company.

The Amalgamated Association tried to minimize the lesson furnished by the starvation of the Clarke mill by saying that only one broken-down white negro, never employed by the mill, had been killed. Nevertheless, unless the negroes at work there are Amalgamated men, admitted into the organization not more than three weeks ago, the strike would have been a complete success. The negroes are strong union men. Many negroes are working in the Clarke, Pantner and Lindner-McCutcheson mills. They were brought in by the mill owners to break the strike. If they follow the example of the Clarke mill men the strike at the three mills will last only a short time.

if Sisk's allegation that the strike cannot find enough non-union men to make a showing in the mills on strike should be true, the United States Steel Corporation will have no difficulty in operating its mills. At Vandergrift, Apollo, Leechburg, Saltsburg and Duncansville are several thousand non-unionists, and in other manufacturing centres are a few thousand men not affiliated with the Amalgamated Association and working in the mills of the trust.

All these men are available for strike-breaking purposes. It is true that the Amalgamated men make the assertion that they will not lend themselves to the policy of being sent on strike men to the Hyde Park sheet mill, but the starting up of the Hyde Park sheet mill yesterday, the importing of forty men into Wellsville, Ohio, the presence of workers in the three Pittsburgh Hoop mills, all show that the men now relieved of operation are those who were not willing to obey orders, and go wherever they are sent.

It is understood that the Steel Trust has decided to take as many skilled men away from these places as possible, without relieving operations, and that the men where there is the least danger of an outbreak. The places left vacant at the mill

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—Adm.